

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of

Manabu OUMI et al.

Serial No. 09/997,484 : Group Art Unit - 2873

Filed: November 21, 2001 : Examiner - David N. Spector

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING

OPTICAL APERTURE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING PROBE FOR NEAR FIELD

LIGHT DEVICE Docket No. S004-4470

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MS FEE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on September 20, 2003. This is an extension request for replying to the June 20 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the June 20 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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A check in the amount \$110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAMS & WILKS Attorneys for Applicants

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## MAILING CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS FEE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

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Signative

September 22, 2003

Date